

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 3286 - SB 3189**

February 22, 2010

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Decreases the reporting standards for a fetal death from a fetal weight of 500 grams or 22 weeks gestation to a fetal weight of 350 grams or 20 weeks gestation. Requires the Department to issue a certificate for a birth resulting in a stillbirth within 60 days after the parent submits a request. Establishes requirements for the request form and the information that must be included on the certificate of birth.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Revenue – \$4,000**

**Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions:

- The fetal death database system would need to be modified to include information pertaining to the issuance of a certificate of birth resulting in a stillbirth. Any cost incurred for these modifications can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- The Office of Vital Records will notify birthing facilities and professionals of the new requirements and provide revised reporting forms. Any cost can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- Currently, there is no data to support fetal deaths less than 22 weeks gestation, unless the 500 gram weight is met. There are approximately 410 fetal deaths reported annually. It is estimated that the number of fetal deaths will increase to at least 500 and all will request a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth. The increase in revenue is estimated to be \$4,000 at a rate of \$8 per certificate (500 x \$8).

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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